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Mr. Bob McAnelly, Chairman
Louisiana Board of Ethics
Louisiana Ethics Administration Program
P.O. Box 4368
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Dear Mr. McAnelly,

I am writing to request a Louisiana Board of Ethics opinion on a pending issue and the ramifications it could have on the operations of the Louisiana Public Schools Risk Management Agency, hereafter referred to as "LARMA," and the Pointe Coupee Parish School Board, hereafter referred to as "PCPSB."

LARMA is an interlocal risk management agency pursuant to La. R.S. 33:1341, and which in part allows its members (who must be a Louisiana public school system) to pool their financial and administrative resources to provide its members participation in group self-insurance funds within an overall risk management program. LARMA's organizational structure is that it is supervised by a Board of Trustees. The Trustees are elected from its membership and must be a representative of LARMA. This is a non-compensated appointment of a part-time nature.

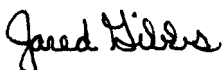
Presently I am the Supervisor of Business Services for the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board and West Baton Rouge Parish School Board is a member of LARMA. In connection with my employment with the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board, I have been on the LARMA's Board of Trustees since October 2014.

West Baton Rouge Parish School Board is currently one of 26 school districts which are members of LARMA. Additionally, the Pointe Coupee Parish School Board is also a member of LARMA.

I am aware of previous Attorney General Opinions and Louisiana R.S. 42:66(B), that states that I may hold an elected office in my home parish of Pointe Coupee. I have intentions to run for the PCPSB District B seat in November 2022, but my opinion request is between PCPSB and LARMA.

I am requesting an ethics opinion whether there are any ethics issues or conflicts should I continue to be a Board of Trustee with LARMA, and win my seat in PCPSB. If elected, it seems that I would have to definitely recuse myself from the discussion, before the vote, and the vote on renewing LARMA membership on a yearly basis as the District B representative of PCPSB. What else and what restrictions would I have as to each position if I am able to be a LARMA Board of Trustees member (through West Baton Rouge Parish School Board) and an elected official of the Pointe Coupee Parish School Board?

Best Regards,



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